

Kindly amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently amended) An assembly of a first length of pipe axially joined to a second length of pipe:

wherein said pipe lengths each comprise a hollow an inner tubular member, having a thickness, an inner surface and an outer surface, and a hollow an outer tubular member, having a thickness, an inner surface and an outer surface, wherein said outer surface of said inner tubular member is radially spaced apart from said inner surface of said outer tubular member by a plurality of spaced apart rib members disposed in the hollow space between said inner tubular member and said outer tubular member in a supporting relationship to both said members;

wherein next adjacent rib members and their encompassed portions of said inner and/or outer tubular members make up substantially hollow cells;

wherein a portion of said first length of pipe, proximate to and including an end thereof, is compressed into a single tubular member having a thickness that is greater than the thickness of either said outer tubular member or said inner tubular member, respectively, and having one of an inside diameter that is greater than the inside diameter of the remainder of said pipe or an outside diameter that is less than the outside diameter of the remainder of the first length of pipe;

wherein a portion of the second length of pipe, proximate to and including an end thereof, is compressed into a single tubular member having a thickness that is greater than the thickness of either said outer tubular member or said inner tubular member, respectively and having the other of an outside diameter that is less than the outside diameter of the remainder of said pipe or an inside diameter that is greater than the inside diameter of the remainder of the second length of pipe;

wherein the outside diameter of the single wall portion of one of the lengths of pipe is not larger than the inside diameter of the single wall portion of the other length of pipe; and

wherein the bulk densities of said single wall portions are greater than substantially the same as the bulk densities of the uncompressed first and second lengths of pipe.

2. (Previously presented) An assembly as claimed in claim 1 wherein at least some of said rib members are helically oriented and define a plurality of substantially hollow

cells each of which is bounded by two adjacent rib members and a portion of at least one of said inner surface and said outer surface.

3. (Previously presented) An assembly as claimed in claim 1 wherein at least some of said rib members are slantedly joined to said inner and outer surfaces at an angle that is not normal to a tangent to said surfaces at the place where the rib members are joined to said surfaces.

4. (Previously presented) An assembly as claimed in claim 1 wherein said single wall portion of said second tubular member is inserted within said single wall portion of said first tubular member.

5. (Previously presented) An assembly as claimed in claim 4 wherein the inside diameter of said single wall portion of said first tubular member and the outside diameter of said single wall portion of said second tubular member are substantially the same.

6. (Previously presented) An assembly as claimed in claim 1 wherein said single wall portion comprises a part of said inner tubular member of the same length as said portion, a portion of said rib members disposed in said portion, and a part of said outer tubular member of substantially the same length as said portion, and wherein said portions of said outer tubular member, said inner tubular member and said rib members portion are melted together to form said single wall portion.

7. Cancelled

8. (Previously presented) An assembly as claimed in claim 1 further comprising a gasket between at least a portion of proximate said single tubular wall portions.

9. (Currently amended) A length of pipe comprising an inner tubular member, ~~an~~ a hollow outer tubular member radially spaced from said inner tubular member, and

a plurality of spaced apart rib members disposed in the hollow space between and in supporting relationship to said inner and outer tubular members;

wherein next adjacent rib members and portions of inner and outer tubular members intercepted thereby make up substantially hollow cells;

wherein an end of said pipe length and a portion of said pipe length proximate to said end consist of a single compressed wall member comprising, in combination, the amount of said inner tubular member of said portion, the amount of said outer tubular member of said portion and the amount of rib members in said portion;

wherein said inner tubular member of said portion, said outer tubular member of said portion and said rib members of said portion are compressed together to form said single wall member; and

wherein said compressed single wall member has a bulk density that is greater than ~~substantially the same as~~ the bulk density of an uncompressed portion of the length of pipe.

10. (Previously presented) A length of pipe as claimed in claim 9 further comprising a single wall member at both ends of said pipe length.

11. (Previously presented) A length of pipe as claimed in claim 9 wherein said single wall member has an outside diameter that is substantially the same as the outside diameter of the remainder of said pipe length.

12. (Previously presented) A length of pipe as claimed in claim 9 wherein said single wall member has an inside diameter that is substantially the same as the inside diameter of the remainder of said pipe length.

13. (Previously presented) A length of pipe as claimed in claim 10 wherein said single wall member at one end of said pipe length has an outside diameter that is substantially the same as the outside diameter of the remainder of said pipe length and the single member at the other end of said pipe length has an inside diameter that is substantially the same as the inside diameter of the remainder of said pipe length.

14. (Previously presented) A length of pipe as claimed in claim 10 wherein said single wall members at both ends of said pipe length have inside diameters that are substantially the same as the inside diameter of the remainder of said pipe length.

15. (Previously presented) A length of pipe as claimed in claim 10 wherein said single wall members at both ends of said pipe length have outside diameters that are substantially the same as the outside diameter of the remainder of said pipe length.

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64. (Previously presented) A length of pipe as claimed in claim 9 configured as a helix about a longitudinal axis thereof.

65. (Previously presented) A length of pipe as claimed in claim 9 in the form of a monolith.

66. (Previously presented) A length of pipe as claimed in claim 9 that is substantially hollow in at least some of the areas bounded by said rib members and said inner and outer surfaces.

67. (Previously presented) A length of pipe as claimed in claim 9 comprising a unitary structure having no seams.

68. (Previously presented) An assembly of first and second lengths of pipe as claimed in claim 1 wherein at least one of said pipe lengths is configured as a helix about a longitudinal axis of said at least one pipe length.

69. (Previously presented) A length of pipe as claimed in claim 9 having been made by extrusion of an extrudable plastic material into a first configuration comprising plural, radially spaced apart tubular walls; followed by compression of an end portion of said first

configuration to convert said spaced apart plural walls into a single tubular wall without any seaming.